

SENATE BILL 1335

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68,  
Chapter 221, relative to inspections by the  
department of environment and conservation.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 221, Part 1, is amended by  
adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section thereto:

68-221-1\_\_.

(a) The department of environment and conservation shall give an operator in  
charge or the general manager of a public or private utility or municipality at least twenty-  
four (24) hour notice prior to conducting an inspection, site visit, records review,  
sampling event, or other regulatory action.

(b) Any employee of the department shall present credentials including an  
official state identification and proof of employment by or written authorization as a  
representative of the director of the appropriate permitting division prior to each field  
inspection, site visit, records review, sampling event or other regulatory action at a public  
or private utility or municipality.

(c) All department inspectors shall complete all state sponsored training classes  
equivalent to the level of water and wastewater operations being inspected. The  
inspectors shall also be able to pass certification testing equivalent to the level of system  
operations as defined by the water and wastewater operator board of certification.

(d) All department inspections pertaining to water and wastewater shall be  
limited to items covered in permits issued by, and the rules, regulations and laws  
pertaining to, the applicable divisions.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.